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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
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Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-17

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") to the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("DTE") reflected in the attached list.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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